



Agenda Item 2

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607-4700
TEL 510.817.5700
TTY/TDD 510.817.5769
FAX 510.817.5848
E-MAIL info@mtc.ca.gov
WEB www.mtc.ca.gov

Bill Dodd, Chair
Napa County and Cities

Scott Haggerty, Vice Chair
Alameda County

Tom Ammiano
City and County of San Francisco

Tom Azumbrado
U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

Tom Bates
Cities of Alameda County

Bob Blanchard
Sonoma County and Cities

Dean J. Chu
Cities of Santa Clara County

Dave Cortese
Association of Bay Area Governments

Dorene M. Giacopini
U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal D. Glover
Contra Costa County

Anne W. Halsted
San Francisco Bay Conservation
and Development Commission

Steve Kinsey
Marin County and Cities

Sue Lempert
Cities of San Mateo County

Jon Rubin
San Francisco Mayor's Appointee

Bijan Sartipi
State Business, Transportation
and Housing Agency

James P. Sperring
Solano County and Cities

Adrienne J. Tissier
San Mateo County

Amy Worth
Cities of Contra Costa County

Ken Yeager
Santa Clara County

Steve Heminger
Executive Director
Ann Flemer
Deputy Executive Director, Operations

Andrew B. Fremier
Deputy Executive Director,
Bay Area Toll Authority

Therese W. McMillan
Deputy Executive Director, Policy

Legislation Committee April 11, 2008 Minutes

Chair Rubin called the committee to order at 11:42 a.m. Members attending: Azumbrado, Chu, Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, Sperring, Worth, and Yeager. Also attending: Commissioner Bates.

Minutes

Minutes of the March 14, 2008 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Halsted that was seconded by Commissioner Giacopini.

Legislative History

Ellen Griffin, MTC staff, noted the election of Jackie Speier on April 8th in the 12th congressional district that was represented by Tom Lantos until his death in February. Commissioner Lempert commented that MTC honored Jackie Speier with its legislator of the year award (2004).

Ms. Griffin highlighted bills of particular interest to the committee in the April 2, 2008 edition of the Legislative History.

In response to Commissioner Sperring asking about a revenue stream for ABAG to perform its work in the region, Steve Heminger cited Assemblymember DeSaulnier's bill to create the California Blueprint Implementation Commission (AB 2870).

On the subject of SB 1093, Chair Rubin asked to be provided with a roster of the Water Emergency Transportation Authority board members.

Legislative Visits

Reminding the committee about May 7 in Sacramento, the day to meet with the Assembly Bay Area Caucus, as well as Bay Area Senators and the Transportation Committee Chairs in both legislative houses, Ms. Griffin encouraged Legislation Committee members to attend.

State Legislation

ACA 10 (Feuer) seeks voter approval to amend the California Constitution to lower the voter approval threshold for cities and counties to pay for bonded debt from a two-thirds supermajority to 55 percent. Moved by Commissioner Worth and seconded by Commissioner Chu, ACA 10 was unanimously referred to Commission with a position of "support and seek an amendment" to add language to apply its provisions to special transportation programs funded with local sales tax measures, not merely capital projects built with bond proceeds.

SB 2870 (DeSaulnier) creates the California Blueprint Implementation Commission to assist in the state's land use planning processes. It was moved by Commissioner Sperring and seconded by Commissioner Halsted to refer to Commission a position on SB 2870 of "support and seek an amendment" for the Blueprint Commission's Bay Area member to be a person who serves both on MTC and ABAG. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Bulger's Report

Mr. Bulger's report was received by the committee. Chair Rubin anticipated discussing in May the subject of the next federal reauthorization.

Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn

Under public comment, Rich Hedges stated his intent to nominate the late Tom Lantos for MTC's John F. Foran Legislative Award. The committee's next meeting was scheduled for May 9, 2008. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.